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1. The Peruvian government made an unpublicized show of clemency during the middle of May 1950 to numerous individuals who were convicted of participating in the Aprista uprising of 3 October 1948. Odría has released approximately 90 sailors, non-commissioned officers and officers in the navy who were serving sentences in the Lima penitentiary which were passed on them in March 1950. In addition to this navy personnel, the 10 persons who were absolved of complicity in the 1948 affair have also been released, and other civilian Apristas who were sentenced to prison terms have been released to their freedom.
2. [REDACTED] confirms that some of the sailors sentenced to short terms of 6 to 18 months have been released, but is unable to give the exact number. This source adds that among the civilian Apristas released are Gustavo Lanatta Lujon and Alcides Spelucin Vega, both of whom had been sentenced to serve two-year terms.
3. The 10 individuals absolved in the trial of the participants in the Aprista revolt, some of whom were retained in jail long after being declared not guilty, who are now free are the following:

Gumersindo Calderon Caceres
Ulises Colina Lozano
Eddie Chaney Farro
Eduardo Goigochea de la Reguera
Fortunato Jara Rondon

Leopoldo Pita Verde
Magda Fortal Moreno
Jose Sandoval Morales
Arturo Sabroso Montoya
Efigenio Zemudio Loyza

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Comment. The release of the individuals mentioned may be another bid by the military junta for support of Aprista dissidents in the 2 July elections. (See [REDACTED]). Although the APERA underground has advised the rank and file that any one is preferable to Odría, the government's leniency, which it is not publicizing to the Peruvian people in general, may cause further APERA defections.

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